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Kaddafi's Latest Plot

U.S. intelligence believes that Libyan strongman Muammar Kaddafi is planning terrorist attacks on four American embassies in Western Europe. Last month he dispatched a team of hit men to murder U.S. Ambassador to Rome Maxwell Rabb (NEWSWEEK, Oct. 19), and the 71-year-old envoy is now protected around the clock by two bodyguards. Kaddafi wants to avenge the Gulf of Sidra incident, say senior Washington officials, and they claim to have "credible evidence" that his new targets are not individual ambassadors but the American diplomatic compounds in London, Paris, Vienna and Rome. "He's gone from individuals to institutions," declares one American Libya-watcher.

A New Privilege for the CIA

Deputy Attorney General Edward Schmults has granted the CIA a significant new privilege: the right to review every document mentioning the agency that Justice officials plan to disclose to the public, Congress or the courts. Schmults's directive does not spell out how much weight Justice officials should give to CIA objections concerning the release of data. But some career lawmen fear that the new order will create a mountain of red tape. A potentially more serious problem: the CIA might try to conceal investigation of possible criminal acts by its employees.